

Kent Adult Social Care Provider Bulletin



Friday 29 October 2021

Covid-19 vaccination booster

The UK Health Security Agency has, (19 October), updated the resources on Covid-19 vaccination booster dose for eligible individuals to include translated versions. People aged 50 years and over, health and social care workers and younger people at risk are being offered a booster dose of a Covid-19 vaccine. Paper copies of the leaflet are available to order for free or download in a number of languages.

Guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-vaccination-booster-dose-resources>

Boosters for health and social care workers

Frontline health and social care workers (HSCW) can now book their booster vaccinations through the National Booking Service. These staff can only be vaccinated when official proof of this status is presented, including those who are vaccinated through local booking services and walk-in clinics, as well as appointments made through the NBS.

Forms of identification that are accepted are either a workplace photo ID, a letter from their employer from the past three months, or a payslip from the past three months which shows their employer.

HSCW are required to show this ID when they arrive for their appointment, and their status as a HCW or SCW should be recorded in the Point of Care system.

As outlined in the [Green Book](#) and [protocol for the administration of Pfizer vaccine](#) health and social care workers aged 16 -17 should receive the two dose primary course of the Pfizer vaccine. Frontline health and social care workers aged 16 and over who have direct contact with patients, clients or service users are eligible to receive a third dose booster vaccination as a HSCW.

Making a difference Every day Webinar

Tuesday 2 November 2021, 11.00am - 12.00pm

The Making a Difference Every day Approach in Kent Adult Social Care has been in existence for 18 months and set out on its course prior to Covid-19. Carl Griffiths as the Senior Responsible Officer would like to share the details of the approach from Diagnostic to current day covering both the different aspects of adult social care; where they are on the roadmap; with the strategy; with strengths based practice; the locality model; community resilience and with engagement (both people who use the service and people who work in it).

If some of this is new to you or you would like to come along to understand more, then please do come along.

To book, email louise.faulkner@kica.care

KiCA member provider forum - sharing concerns regarding the care crisis in Kent



Wednesday 17 November 2021, 9.00am - 12.30pm, Ashford International Hotel

This event is vital for Adult Social Care providers in the county to come and discuss the current challenges you are facing.

You will hear updates from KiCA about the work we have been doing and we will also be joined by Clare Maynard, Strategic Commissioner at Kent County Council.

This open forum is your opportunity to have your say!

To book your place, please email louise.faulkner@kica.care

Setting shared priorities: Adult Social Care research and practice in Kent

Monday 29 November 2021, 13:00 – 15:00

Research in social care is very important as it can inform social work practice and improve outcomes for people. [The Kent Research Partnership](#) is one of six capacity building, social care partnerships funded by the NIHR Health Services and Delivery (HS&DR) programme in England.

Our four-year programme of work will develop sustainable Kent-based partnerships to support the delivery of high quality social care research on the topics that matter most in our region. Demand for social care in Kent is high. This partnership will improve care quality by investing in and valuing the social care workforce and developing a culture of research and evidence-based practice and innovation.

Kent County Council Adult Social Care, the University of Kent and partners are leading a project that aims to help build capacity and develop a positive culture of research.

Who should attend:

- Social care practitioners and managers
- People who use social care
- Family/friends who are carers for someone
- Commissioners and providers of care
- Researchers with an interest in social care

Register for this event [here](#).

Free annual National Care Association Membership for Kent Providers

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nationalcareassociation.org.uk/members/kent-providers-membership-offer



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We are delighted to be able to offer all care providers in Kent the prestigious associate membership to National Care Association free for one year.

This offer has been funded by KCC to enable all Kent providers to remain up-to-date with the latest infection prevention and control guidance and information to support your care service with through this difficult time.

To take up this offer please complete the application form on the link below and return to info@nationalcareassociation.org.uk

Associate membership includes:

- Latest industry changes, guidance and news in your inbox in real time
- Members only information communicated via email
- Monthly round-up newsletter
- Benefits from discounted deals from our sponsors and suppliers
- Access to secure DBS service

Note: If you are a current National Care Association Member (on 13/10/2020) you are still eligible for this funding. You do not need to do anything! This 100% discount will be automatically applied to your next renewal!

More information can be found here: [Free annual NCA Membership for Kent Providers-736328](#)

KiCA: free membership for all CQC registered Adult Social Care providers in Kent

The Kent Integrated Care Alliance (KiCA) is delighted to announce that due to funding received from Kent County Council, we are able to offer free KiCA membership from July 2021 - July 2022 for all CQC registered Adult Social Care providers in our county.



The sector has faced the most challenging times over the last 18 months and we will continue to support providers and be your voice for care in Kent. We represent all areas of the sector, residential, homecare, learning disabilities and mental health.

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to join your local care association.

For further information, please visit www.kica.care or to register your organisation as a KiCA member, please contact louise.faulkner@kica.care

We look forward to working with you all again over the coming year.

Free Support to Complete the Data Security and Protection Toolkit

Kent County Council (KCC) in Partnership with Kent Integrated Care Alliance (KICA) are supporting social care providers across Kent and Medway to register on and complete the Data Security and Protection Toolkit (DSPT).

The DSPT is a free online self-assessment of your organisation's data and cyber security and is recognised as the official tool to evaluate your compliance with legal requirements, Data Security Standards and good practice. It is also required in order to access key services such as NHSmail, proxy ordering for medication and shared care records.



[Watch our introductory webinar online](#)

[Sign up to small-group virtual workshops and 1:1 sessions on our website](#) – free support to help you register and work through the toolkit.

Not sure where to start with this? Or got some questions? Please send us an email: dspt@kent.gov.uk

We'd love to hear from you!

Please tell us what you'd like to see more of in this bulletin.

Want to send a submission? [click here](#).